

Regulations

In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard proposes to amend part 117 of Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

PART 117—DRAWBRIDGE OPERATION REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 117 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 499; 49 CFR 1.46; 33 CFR 1.05-1(g); Section 117.255 also issued under the authority of Pub. L. 102-587, 106 Stat. 5039.

2. Section 117.997(h) is revised to read as follows:

§ 117.997 Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, South Branch of the Elizabeth River to the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal.

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(h) The draw of the Centerville Turnpike (SR 170) bridge across the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, mile 15.2, at Chesapeake, shall open on signal every hour on the half hour except that, from April 1 to November 30, Monday through Friday, including Federal holidays, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., the draw need not open for the passage of vessels.

Dated: May 18, 1998.

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Acting Captain, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 63

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National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: National Emission Standards for Primary Copper Smelters: Proposed Rule—Extension of Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The EPA is extending the public comment period on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) for hazardous air pollutants emissions from primary copper smelters, which was published in the *Federal Register* on April 20, 1998 (63 FR 19582). The purpose of this document is to extend the end of the comment period from June 19, 1998 to July 20, 1998, in order

to provide commenters adequate time to review the NPRM and extensive supporting materials.

DATES: The EPA will accept comments on the NPRM until July 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (in duplicate) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention: Docket No. A-96-22, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The EPA requests that a separate copy also be sent to the contact person listed below (Mr. Eugene Crumpler). The docket may be inspected at the above address between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning the NPRM, contact Mr. Eugene Crumpler, Metals Group, Emission Standards Division (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone number (919) 541-0881; electronic mail address crumpler.gene@epa.gov.

Dated: May 28, 1998.

Richard D. Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

45 CFR Part 670

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Conservation of Antarctic Animals and Plants

AGENCY: National Science Foundation (NSF).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: NSF proposes to revise its existing regulations for the conservation and protection of Antarctic animals and plants. These revisions implement amendments to the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 contained in the Antarctic Science Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996.

DATES: Comments must be received by August 3, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Anita Eisenstadt, Assistant General Counsel, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Eisenstadt, Office of the General Counsel, at 703-306-1060.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Antarctic Treaty of 1959 establishes a framework for promoting international cooperation in scientific research in Antarctica and ensuring that Antarctica will be used only for peaceful purposes. The Antarctic environment has been an important concern to the Treaty Parties and over the years the Parties have adopted a series of measures to protect Antarctic living resources.

At the Third Consultative Meeting in 1964, the Antarctic Treaty Parties adopted the Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora. The measures recommended establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain Antarctic mammals and geographic areas as requiring special protection. These measures were implemented in the United States through the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (ACA) (16 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*). Under the Antarctic Conservation Act and through its implementing regulations, NSF established a regulatory framework to conserve and protect the native mammals, birds, and plants of Antarctica. A permit system allows certain activities, otherwise prohibited, when performed within prescribed restrictions for scientific and other valid purposes. Activities requiring a permit include entry into specially protected areas, taking of fauna and flora, import into and export from the United States of fauna and flora, and introduction of non-indigenous species.

Recognizing the value of establishing a comprehensive regime for protecting the Antarctic environment and its associated ecosystems, the Antarctic Treaty Parties adopted in 1991 the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty and five annexes (Protocol). The Protocol consolidates, updates, and strengthens the environmental provisions previously adopted by the parties. Annex II of the Protocol contains provisions of conservation of Antarctic plants and animals. Annex V contains provisions for the protection of specially designated areas. Annex II and Annex V incorporate and expand the Agreed Measures of 1964.

On October 2, 1996, the President implemented the Protocol by signing into law the Antarctic Science, Tourism, and Conservation Act of 1996 (ASTCA) (Pub. L. 104-227). Section 6 of the ACA, (16 U.S.C. 2405), as amended by the ASTCA, directs the Director of the National Science Foundation to issue such regulations as are necessary and